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## CONTACT REPORT

BRANCH: POB/SAT  
PROJECT:  
CASE OFFICER PSEUDO: ☒  
CASE OFFICER ALIAS:  
DATE OF MEETING: 1 June 1963  
MEETING PLACE: Agent's home

DATE OF REPORT: 3 June 1963  
AGENT CRYPT: CARAVEL  
AGENT OPS ALIAS  
TIME OF MEETING: 1100 HRS TO 1200  
- PERIOD COVERED: TO

### MEETING:

1. ☒ met CARAVEL at the latter's home on 1 June from 1100 to 1200 hrs. CARAVEL is officially on leave and will spend most of the time in the Westerwald but he will have to be in the CAMEN office on 4 and 5 June for budgetary discussions and in Heidelberg on 11 June for a reception given by General Taylor (Provost Marshall) for liaison contacts. He is to phone us on 4 June to lay on a 5 June meeting.

### DISCUSSION:

2. CARAVEL summarized his trip to Algiers (14-22 May) and promised us a copy of his official report. He was there almost five full days and saw scads of people and places in and around Algiers. He was impressed by:

a. The virtually total absence of military and civil servants between the rank of corporal and colonel (and equivalent civil service grades).

b. The eagerness to work and make a go of the new state. He compared it to the industry and drive shown in Germany from 1948 to 1951.

c. The lack of evidence of United States interest in participating in the rebuilding of Algiers. (The Minister of Education told CARAVEL: "The Americans insist that we declare that we love Israel before they will help us. We have no quarrel with Israel, but we cannot betray our fellow Arab states.")

d. The apparent absence of anti-semitism.

### UPHILL involvement

3. CARAVEL was met at the airport by both Hans RECHENBERG and Francois GENOUD as well as by Police Chief YUSFI, his sidekick (fnu) TARIFI and the Algerian Minister (or Ambassador) designate to Bonn, KARAMAN, who turned out to be long term FLN representative in West Germany, MALIK who had been wanted for murder by the French through Interpol channels. The German legation was represented by (fnu) ZIMMERMAN. Both RECHENBERG and GENOUD are firmly established in Algiers, RECHENBERG as an economic advisor and GENOUD as member of an affiliate to the Arab-Swiss Bank of Geneva which is undertaking a modest investment program in Algeria and taken over the Volkswagen agency. Allegedly GENOUD talked the bank into the Algiers venture. RECHENBERG is a genuine economist, having advanced to the rank of Oberregierungsrat in the Reichs Wirtschaftsministerium under FUNK. He is now A.D., but CARAVEL does not know whether he quit government service at the end of the war or later. RECHENBERG has prepared an economic report on JAlgieria and has given CARAVEL a copy. We will get a photostat.

4. In answer to a direct question GENOUD denied working for UPHILL and claimed not to know whether RECHENBERG does. Both answers were obvious lies, as far as CARAVEL is concerned. CARAVEL has the impression that on UPHILL orders RECHENBERG and probably GENOUD are not primarily interested in YUSFI and a penetration of the Algerian police. They have latched on to YUSFI and are helping him as a means of getting their noses into other branches of government.

5. UPHILL has approached CARAVEL to sponsor a visit of YUSFI and two or three assistants, including TARIFI, probably in early July. This is to be followed by a two month familiarization visit by about ten police officers in August or September and subsequently arrangements will be made to train up to twenty police officials for up to two years. The language preparation will be done at least in part by a miniature Goethe Institute which German Minister RICHTER is setting up in Algiers. UPHILL will pick up the tab for the first two groups, but the Ministry for Aid to Underdeveloped Countries will pay for the more extensive training which will cost over 100,000 DM.

6. In connection with the planning for the YUSFI visit, CARAVEL had one of his assistants ask UPHILL for traces on RECHENBERG. UPHILL did not admit he was their man but said he was "completely trustworthy". CARAVEL refrained from asking Minister RICHTER about RECHENBERG in order not to stir up UPHILL.

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